

Bay Explorer graduates

The Naval CB Base Theatre was the setting Saturday, June 17, as friends and relatives saw 18 Bay St. Louis Law Enforcement Explorers graduated from the Gulfport Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Academy, along with more than 200 others from different law enforcement agencies from five states.

Graduation ceremonies were the culmination of a week of hard work for the young people, which included strict military discipline, PT, classes in criminal law, police history, crime scene investigations, traffic stops, public relations, firearms training and diversity training, among others.

In his closing remarks, Corporal Jeff LeDuff of Baton Rouge Police Department, senior training instructor at the Academy, stated, "I told these young people a week ago that they had a beast that lives inside them. I told them that if they controlled that beast, they could be anything they wanted to do. They learned how to control that beast while they were here, how to succeed, and they

will never forget what they learned. They will be our future leaders."

Graduates of the Basic Explorer Academy included Theodore Adams, Charles Armstrong II, Matthew Clark, Mary Ida Girtman, Roger Girtman, Wesley Griffith, Seth Johnson, Larry Kaigler, Tracy Melbourne, Jeremy Noll, Jennifer Piazza, Derick Sellier, Tommy Thornton and Willie Whavers.

Graduating from the Level I Advanced (second year) Class were Scott Courge, George Piazza and Ben Taylor.

Rick Reynolds graduated the Level II Advanced Training (third year) Class. This completes the training for Reynolds, and he will be recommended for the Youth Staff for the next Academy by the unit advisor and chief of police.

According to Officer Joe Keffer, Reynolds will be attached to the Reserve Police Force next month so he can gain a year's experience and training to become a member.

Special commendations were awarded during the ceremony by Gulfport Police Chief George

Payne. They included Ben Taylor, overall outstanding Explorer for Level I; Scott Courge, second place shooting trophy for Level I; and Jennifer Piazza, most improved Explorer and third place shooting trophy for Basic Class.

Recognition was also given Jennifer Piazza on Friday night when she was named to the "Dream Team" by LeDuff and other Academy staff members. In an informal ceremony held in the barracks, Piazza and other initiates were sent to do PT in the showers while fully clothed, then given personal invitations to return to the Academy next year.

LeDuff said, "Every year we watch the Basic Class to see who is outstanding. These are the young people who will go places and do things during their lives. They are the top, select few who have accomplished the most in the least time with the minimum amount of supervision."

Ribbons with first year stars were presented to the graduates by Debbie McNeil, representing her husband, Chief Frank McNeil, who was out of town.

In addition she presented second year stars to Level I graduates and a third year star to Rick Reynolds.

McNeil also presented shooting ribbons to Courge, Griffith, Piazza and Sellier. Outstanding Explorer ribbons were presented to Taylor and Piazza.

McNeil said, "The Chief expresses his regrets at not being able to be here today, but he wants each of you to know that you are in his thoughts and that he is proud of the job you have done. He also wishes to thank Officer Keffer and the other members who serve as advisors for all they have done in helping you to reach this goal."

Know how to prevent and respond to house fires

Preventing the outbreak of a deadly or destructive fire at your home is the responsibility of every family member, says a Mississippi State University engineering instructor and county fire official.

Kirk Rosenhan, a university instructor and Oktibbeha County Fire Services coordinator, offers some advice about preventing and responding to fires:

To prevent fire:

- Keep flammable materials such as paint thinner and gasoline away from your living area. "Make sure they are kept in approved containers and stored in an isolated area," Rosenhan recommends.

- Maintain your house and appliances. Check your appliances regularly for any kind of loose wires or buildup of dust around coils or vents. Also, do not store anything near heat-producing appliances, Rosenhan advises.

- Get rid of your trash promptly. Do not let any "junk" pile up in one room.

- Keep at least two working smoke detectors. "Having smoke detectors is one of the smartest and safest investments you can make. They are inexpensive and easy to install," Rosenhan said, "and they may save your life."

- If a fire occurs: You and your family should exit as fast as possible, but always together. Have two planned escape routes in case one pathway is smoky or on fire.

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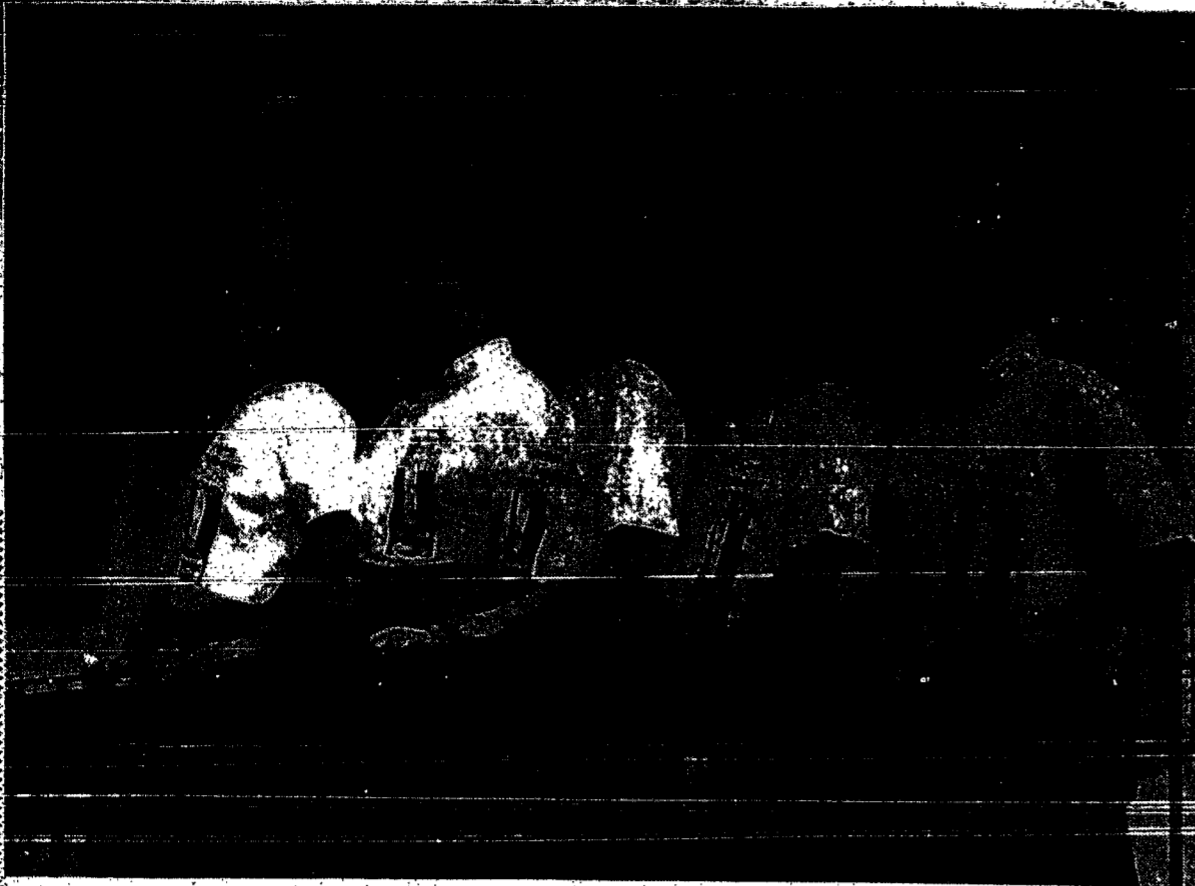
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OLA April Pepsi Students of the Month

Our Lady Academy's Pepsi Students of the Month for April are, from left, Lacey Sahuque, eighth grade; Melissa Ridgeway, 10th grade; Laura Farris, ninth grade; Debbie Benigno, 11th grade; and Katy Jacobsen, seventh grade. Not pictured is Amy Hoke, 12th grade.



OLA May Pepsi Students of the Month

Our Lady Academy's Pepsi Students of the Month for May are, front from left, Rebecca Dockens, 12th grade; Sarah Johnson, seventh grade; back, Emily Alford, ninth grade; Kathryn Seafide, 10th grade; and Melissa Ridgeway, eighth grade. Not pictured is Jami Chiniche, 11th grade.



Law school grads

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The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.8 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor, are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by USAA.

Flettrich, who attends Mercy Cross High School, was nominated for the award by Katherine Gombas.

Flettrich will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Carl and Doris Flettrich. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin S. Flettrich of Bay St. Louis and Sadie Brewer of River Ridge, La.

Bennett to serve as missionary

Leanne Bennett is one of 93 Mississippi university and college students appointed by the state Baptist Student Union to serve as a summer missionary in New Mexico.

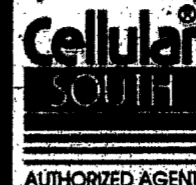
Bennett, daughter of Lee and Diane Bennett of Diamondhead, is a student at William Carey College.

Each of the 93 students will have all expenses paid by fellow students during their term of service. The Mississippi Baptist Student Union raises its finances entirely by donations from students involved in 34 BSU programs across the state. This year's budget is \$125,304.

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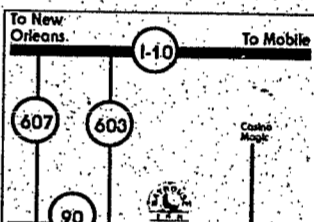
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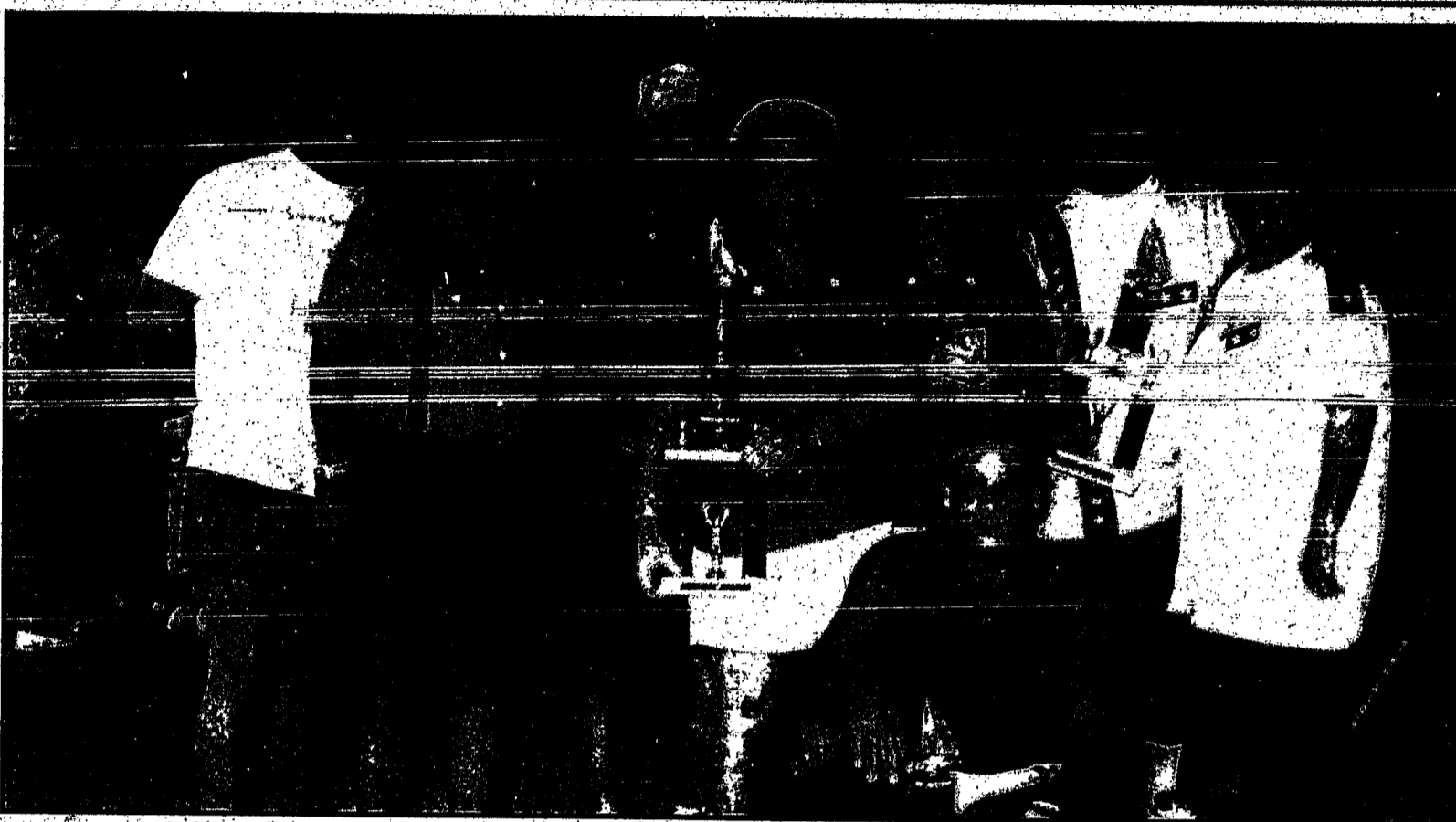
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Garden Isles Community celebrates the 4th

The winners

A heavy downpour at parade time did not dampen the spirits of the participants in the 16th annual Fourth of July Garden Isle Community Association Boat parade. Some ten boats competed for top honors. Even Dr. Steve and Lynn Johnson traveled all the way from Arizona for the event. In photo at right, front row is George Marshall; second place. Second row, from left, Joe Marshall, first place; Capt. Mike Green, Kim and Billy Graham and Laura Green; third place, Capt. Leon Lablanc Jr. and Glenda Hunnicutt. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



Making announcements

Shirley Seals, right, president of the annual Garden Isle Community Association presents a fishing pole to Monte Greenway, vice-president at the association's annual Fourth of July picnic. The association's picnic had entertainment by the *Night Rhythm* band of New Orleans. Other officers of the association are, Dottie Farley, secretary; and Leroy Seals, treasurer. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



King and Queen

Amber Ball, left, and James Ball were selected as king and queen of the 1995 Garden Isles Community Association's Fourth of July Boat Parade and community picnic. They are the son and daughter of James and Martha Ball. The association has 56 property owner families as members and is in its 19th year. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



Bay-Waveland Garden Club hosts Spanish Trail District Spring Workshop

Floral demonstration

(Pictured left) Mrs. Howard Chappell, Sogetsu instructor, explains basic Japanese arrangements during the annual Spanish Trail District Workshop hosted by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club. Some 106 garden club members from across the state attended the meeting followed by a luncheon. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



State leaders

Charles Gray, president of the Hancock County Historical Society was a featured speaker at the annual Spanish Trail District Spring Workshop. Garden Club officers from across the state attended the annual meeting hosted by the Bay-Waveland

Garden Club. The Bay-Waveland Garden Club was incorporated in 1938 and has 60 members. For further information, call Mrs. Larry Burrows, president, 533-7886. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



State president

Mrs. Van Stewart, center, president of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, presided over the Spanish Trail District Spring Workshop hosted by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club. Those in photo are from left, Mrs. Kenneth R. Ernst, Spanish Trail District director; Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Larry Burrows, Bay-Waveland Garden Club president. The meeting was held at the Main Street United Methodist Church. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

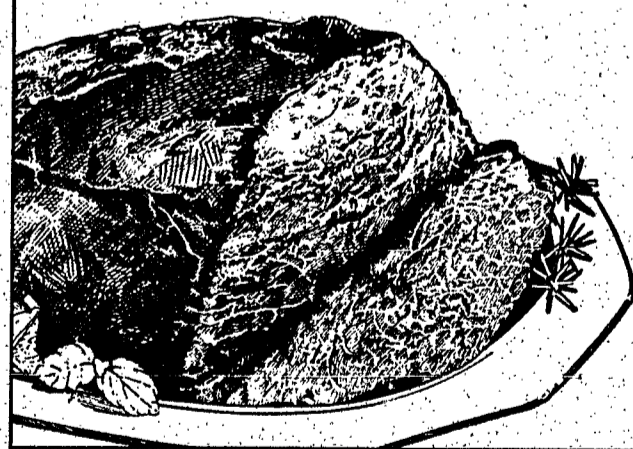
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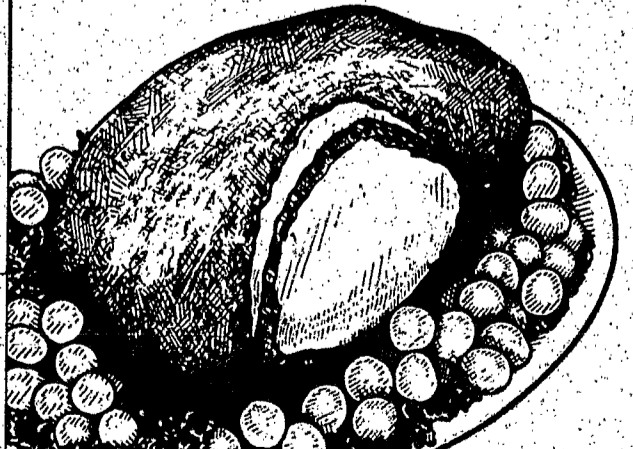
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Fishing buddies

Summer means long, hot and lazy days, far removed from the distant memory of school and homework, a time to relax and reflect. A time to participate in one of the oldest rites of summer, fishing! Eight-year-old Ricky Burge and 12-year-old Brandon Young, both of Bay St. Louis, took

advantage of the great weather recently to try their luck on the Ulman Avenue Pier. With the 'postcard' backdrop of picturesque downtown Bay St. Louis, the boys reported a catch of croakers, flounder, red fish and stingray. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

Fishing rodeo a great success

BY JIM MANESS

From the starting gun on June 30 to the finale on July 4, this year's Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo was a resounding success. The rodeo has been held annually since 1947 and has grown in popularity each year. This year,

officials reported more than 3,000 entrants.

Hancock County residents were well represented in the rodeo from fishermen, to fairgoer's, to four young ladies who were members of the Queen's Court. The four ladies were: Jessica Fountain representing

Waveland; Megan Prats representing Diamondhead; Brandi Favre representing Hancock County; and Shannon Scharp representing Bay St. Louis.

George Wright Jr., was the weighmaster. He said it was a good rodeo in the number of fish that were

brought in to the scales. He was especially impressed with the size of some of the freshwater entries, like the eight-pound bass and the 98-pound garfish.

Many of the rodeo officials marveled at the tenacity of the fishermen. The seas were quite rough several times but the fishermen braved the elements.

Quite a few fishermen made their first-ever fishing trip during the rodeo. Justin Jackson of Harrison County made his first fishing trip and landed the second place King Mackerel for his efforts. This was his first and only fish.

This year the prizes were more plentiful than ever. Prizes were awarded every day in addition to the grand prizes awarded at 8 p.m. on July 4.

The grand finale of what is billed as the "World's Largest Fishing Rodeo" was a 15-minute fireworks display on July 4.

Marine Discovery camp set for July

"Marine Discovery," a camp for 7-12th grade students, is set for the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast July 23-28.

The camp will appeal to students in grades 7-12 interested in a first-hand experience of the marine environment along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Dr. Lawrence J. Bellipanni, assistant professor of biological sciences at USM, is director of the camp.

The camp is designed as a residential camp. Day campers are welcome.

For information, call USM-GC Division of Continuing Education at (601) 865-4503.



Weightmaster George Wright Jr. weighs in one of the catches at the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

Diamondhead Women's Golf Assn. results

June 29 Scramble Cardinal/Pine

First: Sharon Capdau, Yvonne Luck, Maggie MacMillan, Annie Laurie Osborne, Marge Weber.

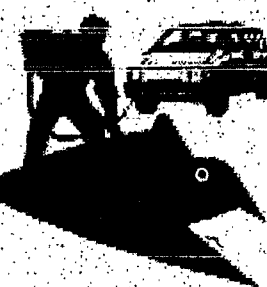
Second (a tie): Irma Checksfield, Vi Kirk, Boots Liljedahl, Amy Swint.

Til Garrison, Dee Kim, Gloria Landry, Darlene Ray.

Congratulations to Gloria Landry, the DWGA Pine Classic (a match play tournament) winner for 1995. Maggie MacMillan came in second.

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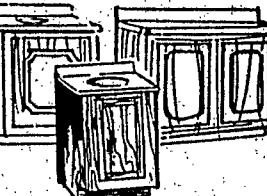
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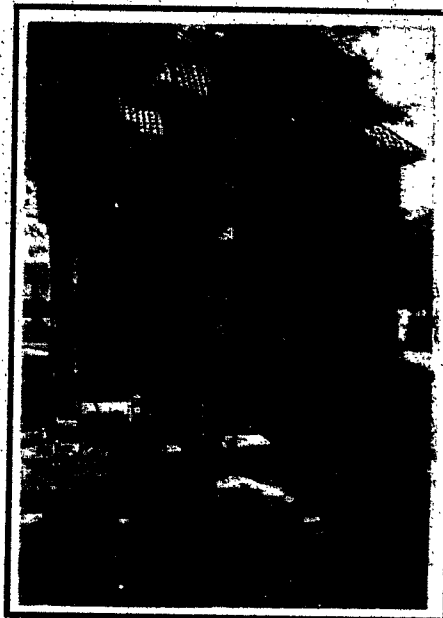
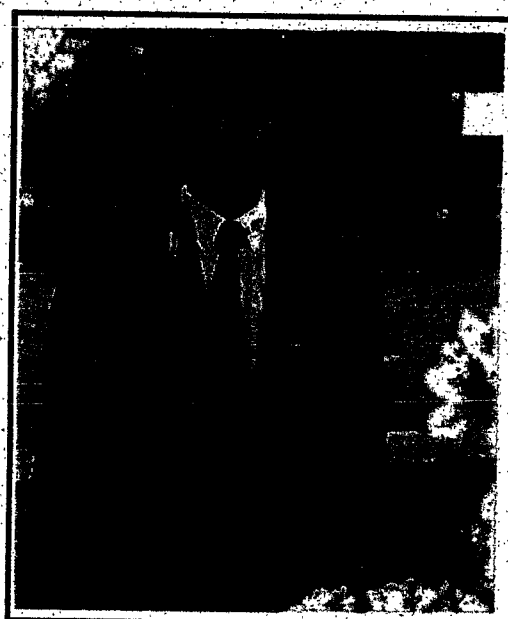
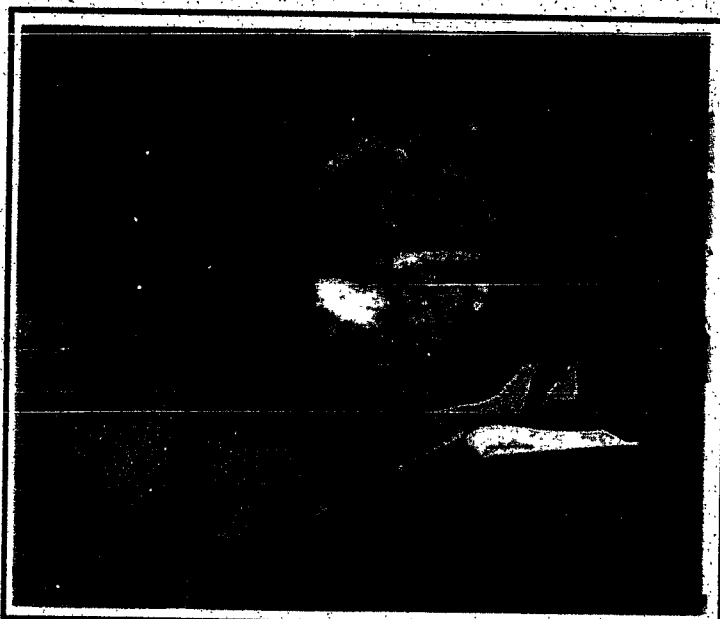
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Admission to Pearl River is simple

Introduction

■ Pearl River Community College is committed to providing high quality educational opportunities to all qualified applicants. PRCC does not discriminate against or exclude any prospective student from participating in any educational program or activity of the college on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or disability. Pearl River is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Educational Amendments of 1972 of the Higher Education Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information regarding Title VI and Title IX or for information regarding ADA please contact Dr. Miller Hammill, Dean of Student Affairs.

All applicants who have met admission requirements will be considered for acceptance to the college. General Admission to Pearl River does not guarantee admission to a specific program offered by the college. Additional requirements for specific programs should be studied to determine eligibility for acceptance in that particular program.

Admission Procedures

■ The Office of Admissions at Pearl River Community College is located in the Administration Building on the campus in Poplarville. Applications for Admission and other forms and information are available in the Admissions Office from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays. This office receives and processes all applications, high school transcripts, transfer college transcripts, GED certificates, and other documents related to admission to Pearl River Community College. Information may be requested from or documents may be mailed to:

**Office of Admissions
Pearl River Community College
101 Highway 11 North
Station A, Box 5120
Poplarville, MS 39470**

Students who wish to enroll in a Vocational or Technical program at the Forrest County Vocational/Technical Center in Hattiesburg should direct inquiries from and mail documents to:

**Pearl River Community College
Forrest County Vocational/Technical Center
5448 U.S. Highway 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401**

Early Admission

■ Students who are currently enrolled in high school must have completed 17 high school units, must have a composite score of 18 or greater on the ACT, and must furnish a letter of recommendation from their high school principal before they can be considered for early admission to Pearl River.

Student Classification

■ Students taking classes at Pearl River Community College are classified in one of three broad areas of instruction with regard to the educational goals that they are pursuing.

ACADEMIC students are students who are taking classes that lead to the Associate in Arts degree (AA). The Associate in Arts degree program is designed to provide a variety of educational experiences which acquaint the student with the liberal arts disciplines of writing, mathematics, humanities and fine arts, science, social science, communication, and physical education. In general, academic students intend to transfer their work completed at Pearl River to a college or university and have the work apply toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree.

TECHNICAL students are students who are taking classes that lead to the Associate of Applied Science (AAS). The Associate of Applied Science degree combines a foundation of basic academic courses with intensive training in a specific area of instruction, and course work is designed to provide the graduate with the specific technical training needed for employment after completion of the degree.

VOCATIONAL students are students who are taking classes that lead to the Certificate of Proficiency. The Certificate of Proficiency is a validation that the student has completed an intensive, full-time schedule of training in a specific skill area.

In order to be admitted as an Academic, Technical or Vocational student, the following documents must be submitted:

> Pearl River application for admission.

> Official transcript from an accredited high school indicating date of graduation or GED test transcript indicating passing.

> Official transcript from every college attended.

> ACT scores for academic or technical students (See Admission Testing below).

Admission Testing

■ Students who are taking courses in an Academic or Technical program must furnish results of the American College Test (ACT). All references to the ACT refer to the Enhanced version of the test. The Enhanced version of the ACT was administered beginning in October 1989. Students who completed the ACT prior to October 1989 may still use their results for admission purposes. ACT scores are used for placement in classes and for academic and technical counseling. (See Developmental Course Placement Criteria). There is no minimum score for general admission to the college; however, specific programs may require minimum scores for admission.

ACT scores are not required for vocational students. The Test of Basic Education (TABE) is administered to all vocational students prior to enrollment in vocational classes.

Transfer Admission

■ Any student may transfer from an accredited institution and expect to have consideration of previous academic experiences, provided he/she meets the admission requirements of Pearl River Community College stated under "General Admission." The following policies in regard to transfer work will apply:

1. Credit earned from an institution that is not regionally accredited will not be accepted.
2. Official copies of AP or CLEP scores must be provided by the student in order for them to be evaluated.
3. Transfer work is not posted to the Pearl River transcript until the student has completed at least 15 semester hours at Pearl River.
4. All credit earned at regionally accredited colleges is posted to the Pearl River transcript; however, acceptance of the work toward a degree is subject to the following considerations.
 - a. Course must be equivalent to Pearl River course in content, description, and length.
 - b. The grade in the transfer course must be a "C" or better. If the student's overall transfer average is above 2.00, a grade of "D" may be considered.
 - c. Technical or Vocational transfer work is subject to the approval of the program faculty and the Director of the Vocational/Technical center where the student wishes to enroll.

Transfer students seeking admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program should review ADN Policy on Transfer Admission later in this section of the catalog.

Admission Notification

■ After the application is received, Pearl River develops an admission file on the student and begins correspondence indicating receipt of documents and/or deficiencies. All students, regardless of full- or part-time status, must meet admission requirements prior to registration for classes. A letter of acceptance or denial will be mailed to all applicants after all admission criteria has been met.

All students who have met admission requirements will be considered for admission to the college. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a specific program. Students must determine the requirements for admission to a specific program to see if they are eligible to enroll in that program.

Readmission

■ A student who has attended Pearl River Community College in any semester other than the most recent semester must apply for readmission to the college. A student seeking readmission should complete a new application and provide transcripts from all other colleges attended, if any, since his or her last admission to Pearl River. Students are readmitted based on their performance policies (honors, suspensions, probation) or transfer colleges.

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REGISTRATION

New student registration is set for July 11-13

■ Pearl River Community College will hold *Fall in July* orientation and registration July 11-13 for new students attending this fall.

"This week gives new students an early start in registering for fall classes at Pearl River," said Dr. Rebecca Askew, director of guidance, recruitment and orientation.

"These sessions are only for those who have never enrolled at PRCC," said Askew.

New students will register according to their resident county. All new students must attend orientation beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. Orientation and registration will end at approximately 4 p.m.

The orientation/registration schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, July 11**
Hancock County, Jefferson Davis County, and Marion County.
- **Wednesday, July 12**
Forrest County and Lamar County.
- **Thursday, July 13**
Pearl River County.

The cost of new student registration is \$15 for students and \$5 for parents. The fee covers lunch and is due at the door. Students can pay tuition and other college fees at orientation or in the fall.

Askew encourages parents to attend a special program where they can meet PRCC administrators, faculty and staff.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking admission to Pearl River Community College should be familiar with the policies and procedures listed in the current catalog.

Academic and technical students must provide an official transcript showing the date of high school graduation (or official GED scores), official transcripts of all other colleges attended, and official ACT scores. Official transcripts and ACT results must be sent directly from high schools, other colleges, or the ACT Corporation. Students should bring their own personal copies of these documents to registration to be used by advisors. **NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER WITHOUT TRANSCRIPTS OR RESULTS OF THE ACT.**

Vocational students must furnish high school and other college transcripts. Vocational students over the age of 18 may be admitted without a high school diploma by waiver of the Admission Committee. Vocational students must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) during the registration period.

For more information, call PRCC's Office of Guidance, Recruitment and Orientation at (601) 795-1317.

At a Glance

- Orientation for all new students begins at 8:30 a.m. in Moody Hall Auditorium. It will end at approximately 4 p.m.
- Cost: \$15 - students, \$5 - parents. Fee covers lunch, due at the door. Students can pay tuition and other college fees at orientation or in the fall.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Financial aid is available at PRCC

Variety of Aid Available

■ Financial assistance programs are designed to assist students in meeting the costs of attending college. Pearl River Community College offers a variety of programs from federal, state, college and private sources.

Federal Financial Aid

■ This section explains the various types of financial assistance available to students.

■ **Federal Pell Grant:** Based on financial need and enrollment status (not required to be half-time). Award can range from \$200 to \$2300.

■ **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** Eligibility is based on financial need, other aid awarded, and availability of funds. Priority is given to full-time students (**MUST BE ENROLLED AT LEAST HALF-TIME**).

■ **State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG):** Must be a resident of Mississippi. Eligibility is based on financial need, other aid awarded, and availability of funds. Priority is given to full-time students (**MUST BE ENROLLED AT LEAST HALF-TIME**).

■ **Federal Work-Study Program (FWS):** Eligibility is based on financial need, other aid awarded, and availability of funds. Eligible students are employed in offices and departments on campus and are paid on a monthly basis. Students are limited to a maximum of two academic years of employment (four semesters) in addition to the summer terms before and after the freshman year.

■ **Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP):** Includes several different types of federally insured loans, funded from commercial banks and lending institutions. Students must be enrolled on at least a half-time basis to qualify. Repayment of principal and interest vary, depending on the specific program.

■ **Federal Stafford Loan Program:** Eligibility is based on financial need and other financial assistance received. The maximum loan amount per year is \$2,625. The interest rate is variable -- repayment begins six months after leaving school. An entrance interview is required before a loan application will be certified.

■ **Parent Loan/Supplemental Loan Program (PLUS/SLS):** Eligibility is based on cost of attendance and financial aid received. The maximum loan amount per year is \$4,000. The interest rate is variable -- repayment obligations can normally be deferred until six months after leaving

school. An entrance interview is required before a loan application will be certified.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

■ **Application:** Students must complete and submit the PRCC Application for Financial Aid. Financial Aid is awarded on an academic year basis (August to August), and students must reapply for financial aid each year.

■ **Financial Statement:** The college requires students to complete ONE of the federally approved needs analysis applications to determine eligibility for financial assistance. The preferred form at PRC is the Application for Federal Student Aid (AFSA). Students should read the instructions carefully before completing the application and answer all applicable questions.

■ **Student Aid Report (SAR):** The Pell Grant Student Aid Report is mailed directly to the student's home address four to six weeks after completing the needs analysis application. All copies of the report should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office upon receipt. The report is required for determination of eligibility for ALL federal assistance programs.

Admission Requirements

■ All financial aid applicants must be regularly enrolled students to receive any financial assistance. Entering freshman and transfer students should contact the Admissions Office.

Financial Aid Disbursement Procedures at Pearl River

■ **Grant (Pell, FSEOG, SSIG)** refunds are made during the 10th complete week of each semester to students awarded by the sixth week of the semester. Subsequent refunds to additional applicants are made during the last week of classes.

■ **Student Loan Checks** are disbursed throughout the semester. The first disbursement is made on the Wednesday of the fifth (5th) complete week of the term, for those loan checks received by the college during registration and the first three weeks of the term. Disbursement of subsequent loans are made each Wednesday, for those checks received during the preceding week.

Call for help

■ The financial aid staff is available to assist students who have questions or need additional information. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The number to call is (601) 795-6801.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE & COLLEGE INFORMATION

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PRCC Forrest County Center helps meet community needs

Pearl River Community College is helping meet the demand for trained health care professionals in south Mississippi.

PRCC's main campus in Poplarville is home to both the Associate Degree Nursing program and practical nursing program, and the Allied Health Center is part of the Forrest County Center on Hwy. 49 South in Hattiesburg.

The Allied Health Center opened in August 1992 as one of the most modern facilities of its kind in the nation.

The center offers one and two-year technical and vocational training programs. Students can earn associate degrees as dental hygienists, medical laboratory technicians, occupational therapist assistants, physical therapist assistants and respiratory care technicians.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

One-year programs offer certificates that qualify students to become dental assistants, surgical technicians and practical nurses.

A new program offered by PRCC is the Occupational Therapist Assistant program. The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges last summer approved Mississippi's only OTA course for PRCC.

The two-year rehabilitation training course will start this year at the Forrest County Center. It's a first for Mississippi and one of only 53 in the nation.

The course trains students in treating people of any age who have trouble functioning in daily life.

OTA graduates will earn an associate's degree in applied science. Graduates should enter the job market with an annual salary of

about \$20,000, advancing to about \$35,000.

Occupational therapist assistants work in rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, acute care hospitals, physicians' offices, community mental health centers, psychiatric hospitals and orthopedic clinics.

Construction is underway for a \$346,000 addition to the Allied Health Center for a new Occupational Therapist Assistant laboratory. The addition will house additional classrooms, a bookstore, student lounge and faculty offices.

STUDENT TRAINING

Students in PRCC's allied health programs gain valuable training under practicing professionals at clinical sites throughout Mississippi and in neighboring states. Clinical assignments allow the students to offer their services while gaining practical on-the-job training.

Graduates of PRCC's Physical Therapist Assistant program had jobs waiting for them when they completed the program.

"Our students will have a place to work when they graduate," said Dr. Larry Tuminello, PTA program director.

PRCC offers one of only three physical therapists assistant programs in Mississippi. PRCC received 170 applications for 20 slots.

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Physical therapist assistants work directly under the supervision of physical therapists. They help provide services to patients with a variety of neurological, musculoskeletal and cardiopulmonary problems resulting from illness and accidents.

PRCC's Dental Hygienist Program accepts patients three days a week as part of the students' training. Patients receive oral exams, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and oral hygiene instructions for a small fee.

Program Director Dr. Stan Hill and two registered dental hygienists supervise the students. Hill said the program does not try to compete with area dentists by providing services.

The training is similar in the Surgical Technician program. Students learn what it takes to help surgeons in the operating room. The course offers a one-year certificate and students may continue for an associate's degree, said Program Director Debbie Hinton.

Hinton teaches students the acceptable techniques that surgeons require. This includes passing instruments to doctors and handling sterile objects. Graduates qualify to work side-by-side with surgeons after completing their training. They then become eligible to take a national certifying exam given by the Association of Surgical Technologists.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

A program that has received much attention since its beginnings in the 1960s is the Associate Degree Nursing at the college's main campus.

The ADN program, with the reputation as one of the finest two-year nursing programs in the nation, prepares students to become registered nurses.

The program was accredited again this year by the National League of Nursing and the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning.

All students work at various clinical sites in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The program receives more than 300 entrance applications with 90 students being admitted each fall.

Construction will soon begin on a new 42,000 square foot, \$3.6 million nursing and wellness facility.

"Our goal is to increase the quantity of associate degree nursing graduates each year to reach a 100 percent in-crease," said ADN Program Director Peggy Dease.

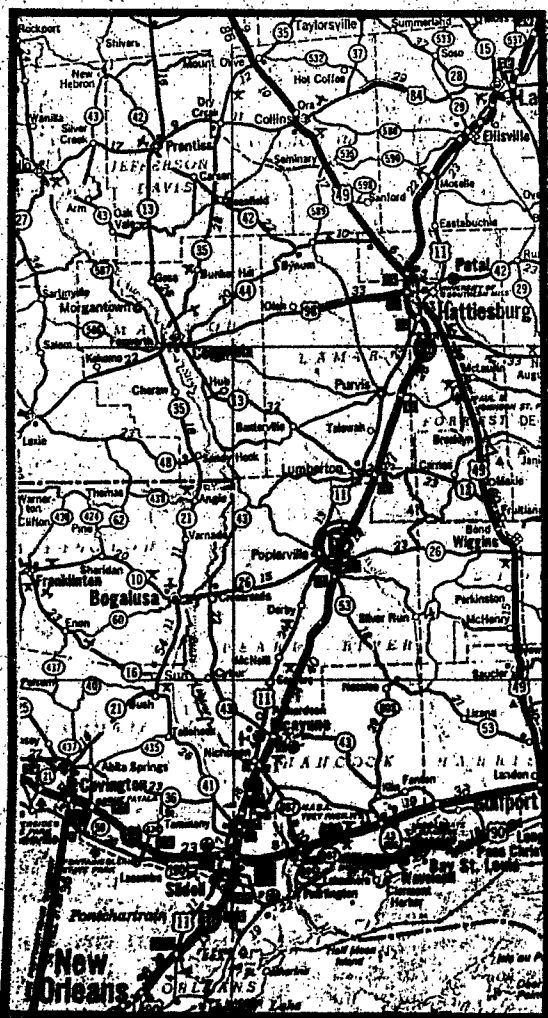
"This will be matched with an increase in faculty to maintain our state and national standard of a one to 10 faculty-student ratio," said Dease.

Another goal is to provide a modern learning environment that simulates clinical experiences.

"These efforts will result in a facility that will be at the top of the class among American community colleges," said Dease.

Over the last three years, ninety-six percent of PRCC's nursing graduates officially became registered nurses after passing the national exam. Last year, 78 graduates took the exam under Mississippi's and Louisiana's state nursing boards. The test is the same throughout the nation.

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Any Questions?

For information about courses and programs offered at Pearl River Community College's Forrest County Center or Allied Health Center, please call 1-601-544-7722.

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